



CONVERSATION

Putnam Soil and Water Conservation District

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We are celebrating
60 years !!

Join us to help celebrate Putnam
County establishing a soil and water
district back in 1956!



Putnam SWCD and Putnam
County Farm Bureau have
teamed up together to host
the 1st ever combined

Annual Meeting. Join us for an evening full of board elections, food, and entertainment. This exciting event will take place on September 7, 2016 at the Kalida K of C. Tickets are \$5/each and can be purchased at either office during business hours or from board supervisors. You can also fill out the form below and mail it to the office to reserve your spot. All registrations need to be returned by August 26th.

An election of one board supervisor for the Soil and Water office will begin at 5:00 p.m. Candidates up for election are Mark Kahle from Kalida and John Meyer from Columbus Grove. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. with short programs from each office following. Speaker Hans Kok will finish the evening talking about cover crops and living in the Netherlands. We will have a special edition newsletter on our website and Facebook page highlighting our two candidates running for election.

If you are unable to be present at the election but would like to vote, an absentee ballot can be sent to you or picked up at the office. Anyone who resides in Putnam County and is at least 18 years of age is encouraged to vote in the election of our supervisors.

Registration for Annual Meeting

Name: _____ X \$5.00 = \$ _____
of Tickets

Phone Number: _____

Please send in with payment to 1206 E. Second St. Ottawa, OH 45875
Checks can be made out to Putnam SWCD. We will be checking people in at the
door by the name given above. (No physical ticket needed)

Upcoming Events

- August 13
Putnam County Ag Tour 7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- August 23
Monthly Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- August 26
Field to Lake Field Day, Hardin County
- September 5
Labor Day - Office Closed
- September 7
Annual Meeting Kalida K of C
- September 27
Monthly Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Current Grant Opportunities

- Deer Creek Watershed
 - All BMP's available
- Maumee River Watershed (All Putnam County)
 - Blind Inlets
- North & South Powell Creek Watersheds
 - Cover Crops
 - Grid Soil Sampling
 - Gypsum Application
- Cranberry Creek & Bear Creek Watersheds
 - Cover Crop Equipment Modification
- Miller City Cutoff & Pike Run Watersheds
 - Waiting List for all BMP's

RECYLCING



Bins are at the Walmart parking lot and are open daily from dawn to dusk. Bins arrive at the communities by Noon on Monday and are picked up by Noon on Friday on the week scheduled. If there is a holiday, bins will arrive the next day or be picked up a day early.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Kalida - 1st full week of month;
July 5-8; August 1-5; September 6-9

Continental - 2nd week of month;
July 11-15; August 8-12; September 12-16

Leipsic - 3rd week of month;
July 18-22; August 15-19; September 19-23

Columbus Grove - 4th week of month;
July 25-29; August 22-26; September 26-30

Please visit www.putnamcountyrecycles.com or call 419-523-3656 for more information.

Agriculture Conservation, Protecting Water: Keeping Soil and Nutrients in the Field

When: Friday, August 26, 2016
8:15 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Where: NW corner of Twp. Rd. 50/SR 68 N, Dunkirk

This event will involve wagon tours and the following topics will be presented at various locations:

- Edge of Field-Tile/Watershed Monitoring
- 4R's
- Blind Inlets
- Phosphorous Removal Beds
- Nitrogen Timing Plots
- Equipment Demos
- Soil Health
- Nutrient Placement Plot

Sessions will be held in tents at various locations.

FREE Event!

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RSVP by Aug. 17th for lunch.

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Shaping The Future: 2016 Putnam County Ag Tour

Saturday, August 13, 2016

FREE Tour Begins & Ends at:

Putnam County Ag Center
1206 E. Second Street
Ottawa, Ohio 45875

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

To reserve your seat, register online at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PCAgTour2016>

7:30-8:15 a.m. FREE Breakfast

8:30 a.m. Buses Leave

12:30 p.m. Buses Return

Did you know Putnam County farmers play a role in protecting Lake Erie?

Join us for the 2016 ag tour to see and learn about water quality monitoring, the Soil Health Agricultural Research Plot (SHARP) site, cover crops, local HOPS production, hog operations, nutrient tool bar from Legacy Farmers Co-op and more.

Brought to you by:

Putnam Soil & Water Conservation District
Putnam County Farm Bureau
Ottawa Area Chamber of Commerce
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(Questions may be directed to 419-523-5874)

Powell Creek Watershed

Additional funding has been granted to the North & South Powell Creek Watershed. Practices that are cost shared include cover crops, grid soil sampling and gypsum applications. Contact the office today to get signed up!



Blanchard River Stream Enhancement Project is now complete!

1919 trees were cut and removed from the banks of the river. Thank you to all the landowners for their cooperation.

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Grant Opportunity

COVER CROP EQUIPMENT MODIFICATION

Have you been wanting to plant your own cover crops?
Custom apply for others? Get your equipment
modification paid for!

- Purchase equipment/supplies to "Retrofit" a piece of equipment you already own.
- Farmer's goal is to plant cover crops in the Blanchard River Watershed (Focus in Cranberry Creek & Bear Creek) using their "Equipment Retrofit".
- Priority will be given to Cranberry Creek & Bear Creek Watersheds. All Putnam County farmers are able to participate.
- Payment will be \$25/ac for every acre planted up to total cost of equipment purchased. (Maximum \$20,000)
- Soil Testing & Nutrient Management Plans will be done on all cover crop acres. Cost-share available for soil testing.
- Grant program will be 3 years.